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*Sanitary report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *June 22, 1899.*

SIR: Your communication of June 13 was received to-day. I will go to Cordoba to-morrow and ascertain the condition of health there. The fever has not been epidemic there, the cases being confined to the refugees from Vera Cruz. From a telegram received by a member of the quarantine board here, from the health officer at Cordoba, I learn that there have been 23 cases and 14 deaths to June 21. I have heard of deaths from the fever in Puebla, Jalapa, Orizaba, Mexico City, and small villages along the lines of the railroads running out from here. The villages near here have had many cases and deaths, but no reliable information can be had from them as there are few doctors in the places, and no physician in many of them. Reliable information is the most difficult thing to be obtained in the country. Exaggerated reports are constantly being corrected and contradicted, but new ones are circulated every day. I do not accept any yellow fever report, and only report the facts that come under my observation and the official information that I receive from a reliable source. I am even skeptical about the official information. On the 19th instant an American died here in the city of black vomit and his death was reported as from bilious fever. The man was sick only twenty-two hours. Black vomit is not a symptom of bilious fever, and death is rare during the first day of yellow fever. I did not see the case, but got my information from what I consider good authority.

The epidemic here improved considerably during the past week, but from to-day's report I think it only temporary. The mortality from yellow fever for the week ended June 22 has been 28; from all causes, 76; new cases reported during the week, 105; cases reported since June 1, 749; deaths reported since June 1, 346. The daily report for the past week is interesting, considering that the sanitary and atmospheric conditions are about the same as they were last week.

Official report of cases and deaths from yellow fever for the week ended June 22: June 16, cases, 15; deaths, 6; June 17, cases, 16; deaths, none; June 18, cases, 9; deaths, 4; June 19, cases, 10; deaths, 4; June 20, cases, 18; deaths, 4; June 21, cases, 21; deaths, 2; June 22, cases, 16; deaths, 8; total, cases, 105; deaths, 28.

The mortality during the epidemic has been a fraction over 47 per cent. and I see no reason why it should be less in the future, as the conditions remain about the same. The shipping remains free from infection.

Respectfully, yours,

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